

In the latest sign of growing GOP support to cut military spending, **Rep. John Campbell**, R-Irvine, has joined a bipartisan effort to scale back U.S. military commitments around the world.

“More than 21 years after the fall of the Berlin Wall and 18 years after the dissolution of the Soviet Union, our military planning and appropriations process go on largely as it has since the 1950s,” reads a [letter the group is circulating](#) in Congress for additional co-signers.

Beside **Campbell**, the initial letter signers are Reps. Barney Frank, D-Mass.; Rush Holt, D-N.J.; Walter Jones, R-N.C.; Gwen Moore, D-Wisc.; and Ron Paul, R-Tex.

Campbell and the others emphasize the need to reduce defense spending in order to deal with the national debt.

“America’s national debt represents the single, most dangerous threat to our future security, prosperity and hegemony in the world,” said **Campbell** in a joint press release. **“As we engage in a debate this year about reducing spending, we must examine all areas of the federal government, including the Department of Defense, for responsible efficiencies and expense reductions through a reassessment of our national defense needs.”**

Campbell has offered amendments to eliminate waste in the 2011 and 2012 Department of Defense budgets and has called for an audit of the Pentagon.

Last month, **Campbell** joined a congressional effort urging immediate withdrawal from Afghanistan.